

Don't Breathe

(2016, 1 hour 28 minutes)

Directed by: Fede Alvarez

Starring: Stephen Lang, Jane Levy, Dylan Minnette and Daniel Zovatto

Rated R for terror, violence, disturbing content and language.



WHERE HAVE ALL THE HEROES GONE?

That was the question that confronted me when I walked out of the theater after watching *Don't Breathe*. As I sat and watched, I was looking for someone to root for, someone to cheer for, someone I hoped would come out victorious at the end of the movie.

However, the ones that I wanted to root for ended up being someone that I didn't care about in the end. No one in the movie (and I mean literally, no one) was a good guy that you wanted to see win in the end.

The simple premise is that three friends are seeking to enrich themselves by breaking into people's homes and stealing items that could easily be sold to enrich their lives. These three have decided that they will not steal cash to keep their crimes as only misdemeanors. Until....

The three are presented with the case of a burglary where they could steal hundreds of thousands of dollars, and they decide to do so. Their victim, in this case, was a blind man (finally someone to root for). Not so fast...

The blind man is a violent individual who seeks to kill those who broke into his home (but not out of altruism or defending himself). He decides to seek vengeance upon these would-be thieves because of a horrible, cruel and vicious secret he is hiding in his basement (which takes away any incentive I had for rooting for him).

Spoiler! Spoiler! Nobody wins in this movie, and no one is proven the hero. There is none that is good and none that doesn't have mixed motives of some kind. There is no one to hope for and root for.

And this reminds me of what Paul says in Romans, ***"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God."*** (Romans 3:10b-11) There is really only one hero; he is Jesus, and he was NOT represented in this movie in any way shape or form.

The movie was your typical violent, terror filled horror movie. It did have some disturbing scenes and lots of language, and if you find yourself squeamish, I would not recommend the movie. It did have a few surprises, and a few scenes made me jump, but, overall, it is a reminder that there are no more heroes left in Hollywood.

If you are looking for a hero, don't look here!